

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on March 13, 2007 at 3:03 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 415, HB 425, 795, 3/6/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Sen. Tropila called the meeting to Order.

HEARING ON HB 795

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:37 **REP. BETSY HANDS (D)**, **HD 99**, opened the hearing on **HB 795**, Revise special improvement districts for fire protection.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:37 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:02:08 Jack Trethewey, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:00 None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:07 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:17 Sen. Tropila to Rep. Hands

00:03:56 Sen. Tropila to Doug Neil, MSFA

00:04:34 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Gebhardt

00:06:53 Sen. Esp to Sen. Tropila

00:07:31 Sen. Laible to Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:55 Rep. Hands

HEARING ON HB 425

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:35 **REP. JON SESSO (D), HD 76**, opened the hearing on **HB 425**, Revise subdivision and platting act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:57 Tammy McGill, Land Use Planner, Montana Association of Planners

00:27:35 Myra Shults, Land Use Attorney and Consultant for JPIA

00:28:59 Michael Kakuk, Attorney representing Montana Association of Realtors

00:33:15 Gordon Morris, representing Lewis and Clark County

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers' Association and Montana Credit Unions

00:37:56 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers

00:39:05 Joe Roberts, Registered Land Surveyors

00:45:52 Sen. McGee, SD 29, Self, Registered Land Surveyor

01:02:06 Al Littler, Real Estate Broker and Commissioner on the City County Zoning Board, Billings

Informational Testimony:

01:06:38 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:43 Sen. Laible to Tammy McGill

01:17:58 Sen. O'Neil to Aimee Grmoljez

01:19:05 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:26 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 415

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:25:38 **REP. MICHELE REINHART (D), HD 97**, opened the hearing on
HB 415, Require parkland dedication in subdivision.

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[EXHIBIT\(los53a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:50 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners and
Missoula County

01:38:47 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

01:39:27 Myra Shults, JPIA

01:39:43 Ana Pederson, Montana Environmental Information Center
and Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:12 Dennis Lay, Montana Association of Land Surveyors

01:43:21 Al Littler, City County Planning Board, Yellowstone
County, Billings

01:46:02 Stewart Nash, Registered Land Surveyor

01:49:06 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

01:50:30 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

01:52:17 Sen. McGee, SD 29, Self, Registered Land Surveyor

01:55:41 Joe Roberts representing Registered Land Surveyors

Informational Testimony:

01:58:27 Tammy McGill, Land Use Planner

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:16 Sen. Esp to Linda Stoll

02:02:07 Sen. Moss to Tim Davis

02:04:59 Sen. Gebhardt to Linda Stoll

02:08:34 Sen. Esp to Tim Davis

02:11:11 Sen. Esp to Sen. McGee

02:12:17 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. McGee

02:14:58 Sen. Laible to Linda Stoll

02:18:56 Sen. Laible to Rep. Reinhart

02:20:41 Sen. Tropila to Tammy McGill

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:35 Rep. Reinhart

02:25:07 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:28 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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